

Spring Mill State Park

All programs are free unless otherwise noted.

Programs at all our state parks and reservoirs: www.in.gov/dnr/parklake/12066.htm

Nature Center

Open Daily 10am-5pm

Pioneer Village

*Sat 11a-7p, Sun 11a-5p,
Mon-Thu 9a-5p, Fri 9a-7p*

Virgil I. Grissom Memorial

Open Daily 8:30am-4pm

Twin Caves Boat Tours

Weekends; 9am-5pm
\$3/adult, \$1/child (ages 3-11)

Mountain Bike Rental

Open Daily; Hours Vary

Check out bikes at Camp Store

\$5/hour or \$20/day

Campground Hayrides

Friday, Saturday

7pm, 8pm, 9pm; \$3/person

Register at Camp Store

Hoosier Quest Series

Ask a park interpreter how you can earn patches, bandannas, and other items during your visit!

Please arrive on time for scheduled programs.

Spring Mill State Park follows Eastern Daylight Time.

Public programs are designed for individuals and families.

If you will be bringing an organized group, contact the Nature Center in advance for a copy of our program catalogue and schedule a private program just for your group. (812) 849-4129

Get advance notice of special events and programs!

Sign up for our email list at the Nature Center, Pioneer Village Grist Mill, Spring Mill Inn, or email springmillstatepark-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

HP-HP *Healthy Parks – Healthy People*

Get "INShape" with us, and discover what it takes to keep a state park healthy.



WATCH FOR THE ROVING NATURALIST
LOOK FOR THE RUCK-H-KEE AND STORFL

September 2008

Saturday, September 6

10:00am



INShape Fitness Walk - Indiana's State Parks and Reservoirs are a great place to exercise! Join us for a moderate walk (1 mile) around Spring Mill Lake that showcases our brand-new bridge on Trail 5. Meet at the Nature Center (1 hr). **HP-HP**

11am-4pm



Amateur Photography Contest - Drop in to view the entries on display for our 8th Annual Spring Mill Amateur Photography Contest and vote for the “People’s Choice” Award. *The contest winners will be announced at 4:30pm.* Spring Mill Inn, Elm Room.

11am-4pm



Digital Photo Scavenger Hunt – Prizes for everyone who completes the scavenger hunt; special prize for the first teams/individuals to finish! Drop by the Elm Room (same location as the photo contest) at the Spring Mill Inn to get started – you must be finished by 4pm to collect a prize!

11:30am


Sawmill Demonstration - See how lumber was cut in the 1800s using the power of water. Pioneer Village, Grist Mill (15 min).

12:15pm

A Tale of Two Villages – Compare and contrast the lifestyles and economies of two villages in the 1850s – Spring Mill and Pleasant Hill. Pioneer Village, Mill Office (30 min).

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Saturday, September 6 *Continued...*


- 2:30pm** **Sawmill Demonstration** - See how lumber was cut in the 1800s using the power of water. Pioneer Village, Grist Mill (15 min).
- 4:00pm** **Hoosier Quest: Discover, Connect, Explore!** – Come and discover about an exciting new program for individuals and families visiting Indiana state parks and reservoirs – Hoosier Quest. Learn how you can earn patches, bandannas, and medallions... and collect 33 unique pins – one for each park and reservoir! ***Already started the Quest? This is your opportunity to complete one or more of the requirements!*** Nature Center Amphitheater.
- 5:30pm** **Rag Dolls** – Discover a toy played with by pioneer children, rag dolls, and make your own to take home. ***Donations Accepted.*** Pioneer Village, Weaver's/Sheeks' Cabin (45 min).
- 8:00pm**  **Lingering Leaves** – Prepare for autumn by capturing the shapes and colors of the last green leaves of summer onto fabric. Campground Amphitheater, next to site #108 (45 min).

Sunday, September 7

- 10:00am** **Hoosier Quest: Discover, Connect, Explore!** – Come and discover about an exciting new program for individuals and families visiting Indiana state parks and reservoirs – Hoosier Quest. Learn how you can earn patches, bandannas, and medallions... and collect 33 unique pins – one for each park and reservoir! ***Already started the Quest? This is your opportunity to complete one or more of the requirements!*** Nature Center Amphitheater.
- 11:30am** **Sawmill Demonstration** - See how lumber was cut in the 1800s using the power of water. Pioneer Village, Grist Mill (15 min).
- 1:00pm** **Twisted Tales** - Discover how pioneers made cord out of warp string, find out what uses they had for it, and then make a corded bracelet of your own! Pioneer Village, Leather Shop (45 min).




Sunday, September 7 *Continued...*

- 2:00pm**  **The Three Cs at Spring Mill** – Explore the history of the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) and its role in the history of Spring Mill State Park during a guided driving/walking tour through the park. We'll stroll through the sites/ruins of the two CCC camps that worked at Spring Mill, visit the “hidden” picnic sites they built, and highlight other achievements (in celebration of the CCC's 75th anniversary this year)! Meet at the Nature Center Amphitheater (2 hr).
- 2:30pm** **Sawmill Demonstration** - See how lumber was cut in the 1800s using the power of water. Pioneer Village, Grist Mill (15 min).

Friday, September 12

- 4:00pm** **First to Recycle** – Blacksmiths have long been a part of the “reuse and recycle” trend. Discover how blacksmiths reused metal in the 1800s and gave it new purpose. Pioneer Village, Blacksmith's Shop (30 min).

Saturday, September 13

- 11:00am** **Hoosier Quest: Discover, Connect, Explore!** – Come and discover about an exciting new program for individuals and families visiting Indiana state parks and reservoirs – Hoosier Quest. Learn how you can earn patches, bandannas, and medallions... and collect 33 unique pins – one for each park and reservoir! ***Already started the Quest? This is your opportunity to complete one or more of the requirements!*** Nature Center Amphitheater.
- 11:30am** **Sawmill Demonstration** - See how lumber was cut in the 1800s using the power of water. Pioneer Village, Grist Mill (15 min).
- 12:00pm**  **Herbal Adornment** – Create a door decoration using sweet annie and learn about the role that herbs played in pioneer life. Pioneer Village, Garden Cabin (1hr 30min).

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Saturday, September 13 *Continued...*

12p-3p



Mountain Bike Time Trials – Bring your bike over to the mountain bike trail (located across from the swimming pool entrance) and see how quickly you can transverse the loop! Come by anytime between 12pm and 3pm to run your time trial – the winning times will be posted at the Camp Store (where the winners can also pick up their prizes!). *All competitors must be at least 12 years old (children ages 12 to 15 must be accompanied by an adult). Helmets required.* Don't have a bike? Rent one from the Camp Store for just \$5/hour (includes helmet).

1:00pm

Dulcimer Delight – Learn about the history of the dulcimer, a popular instrument in the 1800s, and listen to a few songs. Pioneer Village, Meeting House (30 min).

2:30pm

Sawmill Demonstration - See how lumber was cut in the 1800s using the power of water. Pioneer Village, Grist Mill (15 min).

3:00pm

Heat It Up – The Village Blacksmith will discuss how pioneers made their own charcoal – and why 1800s blacksmiths used charcoal rather than coal. Pioneer Village, Blacksmith Shop (30 min).

4:00pm

Crochet Craft – Learn the basics of crochet with hands-on instruction from the Village Weaver. Pioneer Village, Weaver's/Sheeks' Summer Kitchen (1 hr).

5:30pm

Pioneer Playthings – Discover some of the toys that pioneer children enjoyed and make your own to take home. Pioneer Village, Meeting House (45 min).

7:00pm



Evening Concert: Bloomington Community Band – Bring your lawn chairs or blankets (and maybe a picnic dinner?) and join us for a relaxing evening of music! Sycamore Shelter (1hr 15min).

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12:00pm



Glade Walk – Discover the significance of Spring Mill's limestone glade and find out how the park works to protect it. Meet at Donaldson parking lot by the bulletin board (1 hr).

1:30pm

Daisy Spring Mill – The years of Jonathan Turley at Spring Mill involved changes in the operation of village businesses. Learn about the “last hurrah” of the village. Pioneer Village, Gristmill (30 min).

2:30pm

Sawmill Demonstration - See how lumber was cut in the 1800s using the power of water. Pioneer Village, Grist Mill (15 min).

3p-4p

Tools of the Trade - Stop by the Leather Shop to learn how leather tooling is done and to make your own tooled bookmark or keychain. Pioneer Village, Leather Shop.

Friday, September 19

5:30pm

Pioneer Preparation – As summer turned into fall, the pioneer mind was centered around winter. Explore how a typical family began their preparations for the cold months ahead. Pioneer Village, Upper Residence (30 min).

Saturday, September 20

- 11:30am Sawmill Demonstration** - See how lumber was cut in the 1800s using the power of water. Pioneer Village, Grist Mill (15 min).
- 12:00pm Cornhusk Bookmark** – Make a unique cornhusk doll to serve as a bookmark for your fall reading list. Pioneer Village, Garden Cabin (45 min).
- 1:00pm Hoosier Quest: Discover, Connect, Explore!** – Come and discover about an exciting new program for individuals and families visiting Indiana state parks and reservoirs – Hoosier Quest. Learn how you can earn patches, bandannas, and medallions... and collect 33 unique pins – one for each park and reservoir! *Already started the Quest? This is your opportunity to complete one or more of the requirements!* Nature Center Amphitheater.
- 2:30pm Sawmill Demonstration** - See how lumber was cut in the 1800s using the power of water. Pioneer Village, Grist Mill (15 min).

3:00pm NATURE CENTER & TWIN CAVES CLOSE EARLY TODAY!

- 4-9pm Tri-Kappa Candlelight Tour of the Pioneer Village** - Spring Mill Village will come to life as Tri Kappa members, their friends and families, and the park staff open all the buildings for this annual tour in conjunction with Persimmon Festival in Mitchell, IN. Portrayals of pioneer life and music from Bluegrass to Gospel will fill the air . Tri Kappa will also host a concession area at the Carriage House, selling hotdogs, cider, caramel corn and other goodies.

Sunday, September 21


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- 11:30am Sawmill Demonstration** - See how lumber was cut in the 1800s using the power of water. Pioneer Village, Grist Mill (15 min).
- 1:00pm Knitting is Easy!** – Learn the basics of knitting, a craft practiced by the pioneers that has become popular once again! Pioneer Village, Weaver's/Sheeks' Summer Kitchen (1 hr).
- 2:30pm Sawmill Demonstration** - See how lumber was cut in the 1800s using the power of water. Pioneer Village, Grist Mill (15 min).

Saturday, September 27

- 11:00am Hoosier Quest: Discover, Connect, Explore!** – Come and discover about an exciting new program for individuals and families visiting Indiana state parks and reservoirs – Hoosier Quest. Learn how you can earn patches, bandannas, and medallions... and collect 33 unique pins – one for each park and reservoir! *Already started the Quest? This is your opportunity to complete one or more of the requirements!* Nature Center Amphitheater.
- 11:30am Sawmill Demonstration** - See how lumber was cut in the 1800s using the power of water. Pioneer Village, Grist Mill (15 min).


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12:30pm  **Mini Moccasins** - Learn about the different types of footwear pioneers wore, then try your hand at stitching up a doll-sized moccasin to take home! **Cost is \$1/person; limited to 15 participants (first-come, first-served).** Pioneer Village, Leather Shop (45 min).

2p-3p **Be a Window Painter!** – Drop by the Nature Center to help us decorate our front windows for the autumn season.

2:30pm **Sawmill Demonstration** - See how lumber was cut in the 1800s using the power of water. Pioneer Village, Grist Mill (15 min).

4:00pm  **Power to the Village** – Learn how a cave spring led to the establishment of a thriving industrial village in the 1800s. Meet next to the Sawmill in the Pioneer Village (30 min).

4p-5p **The Game of Graces** – Originally conceived in France as a way to teach children graceful movement, “Graces” became a popular 1800s game. Drop by the Gristmill Lawn to see how “gracefully” you can play!


5:30pm **Make-Your-Own Graces!** – Create your own Graces set so that you can enjoy this classic 1800s game at home. **Cost is \$5/set; limited to 10 sets** (families may work together on a single set), first-come first-served. Pioneer Village, Meeting House (45 min).

8:00pm **Nature Fear Factor** - Get ready for an evening snack you won't soon forget! Join us around the campfire and see if you're brave enough to try Chocolate Chirpy Chip Cookies, Meal Worm Fudge, Crispy Cricket Chocolate Drops and Jiggly Jumpy Cricket Jell-O. **Donations accepted to help cover costs.** Campground Amphitheater, next to site #108 (45 min).

Sunday, September 28


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11:30am **Sawmill Demonstration** - See how lumber was cut in the 1800s using the power of water. Pioneer Village, Grist Mill (15 min).

12:30pm  **Corn Craft** – Help decorate the Pioneer Village with cornstalks for fall, then make a decorative “ear of corn” using real cornhusks while learning about the importance that corn had for the pioneers. **Cost is \$1/person.** Pioneer Village, Meeting House (1 hr 30 min).

1:00pm **Bringing in the Garden** – Learn how certain plants were (and still are) brought inside for the colder weather. Pioneer Village, Weaver's/Sheeks' Cabin (30 min).

2:30pm **Sawmill Demonstration** - See how lumber was cut in the 1800s using the power of water. Pioneer Village, Grist Mill (15 min).



Winter is an etching, spring a watercolor, summer an oil painting and autumn a mosaic of them all. ~Stanley Horowitz